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ALAMEDA

Dr. Orvar Swenson, clinical professor of pediatric surgery at Tufts Medical School in Boston, will be visiting lecturer for the fifth annual **Clifford D. Sweet Seminar** on May 18 and 19 at the Children's Hospital of the East Bay, Oakland. The event was instituted four years ago by the medical staff of the hospital in honor of Dr. Sweet, who is emeritus chief of medicine and formerly for 30 years was chief of the department of medicine there.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., the program will continue with both morning and afternoon meetings on Friday and Saturday in room A-100 of the Children's Hospital of the East Bay, 5105 Dover Street, Oakland, and will culminate with the Sweet Lecture at the Berkeley Women's City Club in Berkeley beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday. Following the lecture there will be refreshments at 7:15 p.m. and a banquet at 8 p.m.

Dr. Swenson will open the 9:30 Friday morning session with a discussion of "Atresias of the Biliary Tract." On Saturday morning, also at 9:30 a.m., his topic will be "Tumors of the Neck in Infancy and Childhood."

Dr. Robert H. Alway, professor of pediatrics and chief of the pediatric service at Stanford School of Medicine, will speak at 11 o'clock Friday morning on "Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Infants and Children." This topic will be continued during the afternoon.

Dr. William Snyder, Sr., attending surgeon at Los Angeles Children's Hospital, will speak at 1:30 Saturday afternoon on "Diagnosis of Intestinal Obstruction in the Newborn."

Dr. Swenson's lecture at the banquet will be on "Congenital Lesions Associated with the Pelvic Parasympathetic System."

All sessions will be open to physicians interested in attending. Reservations for the Saturday night lecture and banquet may be made through the Children's Hospital of the East Bay, 5105 Dover Street, Oakland, OLympic 2-1143.

LOS ANGELES

A \$30,000 **Markle Fellowship** to cover a period of five years was awarded recently to Dr. David M. Prescott, an instructor in anatomy at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine. It was one of several awarded each year by the John and Mary Markle Foundation of New York to help promising young scientists continue with academic studies and researches.

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During the past three years a group at the University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center with particular interest in the **problems of child amputees** has fitted, trained and collected considerable data on some 90 children who have had amputation of one or more limbs. The group, called the Child Amputee Project, is a cooperative venture of the departments of Pediatrics, Surgery and Engineering. Operating under a grant from the Crippled Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education, and Wel-

fare, the group is investigating the physiological, psychological and mechanical problems relating to these children.

Among important facts that have been reported by the group to have emerged from their studies is that children **can be fitted with prosthetic devices much earlier** than was previously thought possible—at less than one year of age.

It would be helpful, the group's report said, if "family doctors in Southern California could be informed that the services of this study group are available. We particularly want them to know that early fitting is advisable, also that with the newer techniques fitting can usually be accomplished without amputation of deformed distal portions which used to be considered impossible to fit."

SAN FRANCISCO

The recently elected officers of the **San Francisco Dermatological Society** for 1956-1957 are: President, Dr. William F. B. Harding, Sacramento; vice-president, Dr. Herbert L. Joseph, Vallejo; secretary, Dr. R. Raymond Allington, Oakland; editor, Dr. Edward J. Ringrose, Berkeley.

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One-day symposia on plastic surgery and peripheral vascular surgery will be conducted May 18 and 19 at the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco.

The plastic surgery program, to be held May 18, will present the most recent advances and methods of treatment for the congenital, developmental, traumatic and cosmetic conditions which are included in the general field of plastic surgery. Program chairman is Dr. Harry M. Blackfield, assistant clinical professor of surgery.

The peripheral vascular surgery symposium will be held March 19 with Dr. Edwin J. Wylie, assistant clinical professor of surgery, as program chairman. Therapeutic methods will be described in terms of clinical applicability, with stress on the indications, hazards and anticipated results from each method.

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Dr. Michael J. Hogan of San Francisco was one of 12 ophthalmologists throughout the nation named to serve on committees to select recipients for the residency fellowships in ophthalmology, recently established by the Guild Prescription Opticians of America, the Guild announced. The Guild offers six new fellowships every year, one in each of six areas, with an \$1,800 stipend for three-year residencies.

SONOMA

Dr. James T. Harrison of Vallejo will become **Sonoma County Health Officer** June 1. He was selected by the Board of Supervisors from several applicants for the post vacated by Dr. Robert Westphal, who resigned recently to take a United Nations assignment in Egypt.

A former deputy health officer for the City of Los Angeles, Dr. Harrison is at present studying for a master's degree in Public Health at the University of California School of Public Health in Berkeley.

GENERAL

The **Nevada State Medical Association's** annual meeting will be held this year in conjunction with the **Reno Surgical Society** in Reno, August 22-25.

Guest speakers include the following: Dr. Leo E. Brown, director, Department of Public Relations, A.M.A., Chicago;

Dr. Frederick C. Cordes, chairman, department of ophthalmology, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco; Dr. Russell R. de Alvarez, professor and executive officer, department of obstetrics and gynecology, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle; Dr. William C. Deamer, chairman, department of pediatrics, University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco; Dr. Lester R. Dragstedt, chairman, department of surgery, University of Chicago, Chicago; Dr. Leroy D. Fothergill, Biological Warfare Laboratories, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland; Dr. Henry Harkins, professor and executive officer, department of surgery, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle; Dr. William L. Hewitt, associate professor, department of medicine, University of California Medical Center, Los Angeles; Dr. Nils P. Larson, Medical Adviser, Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, Honolulu; Dr. George F. Lull, secretary and general manager, A.M.A., Chicago; and Dr. Frederick J. State, chairman, department of nutrition, Harvard Medical School, Boston.

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The Committee on Cosmetics of the American Medical Association will sponsor a symposium at the 105th Annual Meeting of the Association in Chicago, June 11-15, 1956. The symposium will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 13th in the Ballroom of the Knickerbocker Hotel.

This is the first time in the history of the Association that a program has been specifically planned to inform physicians on the significance of cosmetics in medical practice. This symposium was prompted by the committee's recognition of the increasing psychologic and economic importance of a healthy attractive skin and the close relationship between these aspects and the use of cosmetics.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

THIS BULLETIN of the dates of postgraduate education assemblies and the meetings of various medical organizations in California is supplied by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities of the California Medical Association. In order that they may be listed here, please send communications relating to your future medical or surgical programs to: Mrs. Margaret H. Griffith, Assistant Director, Postgraduate Activities, California Medical Association, 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 13.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Dermatology, 1956. June 22 and 23. Ten and one-half hours. Fee: \$35.00.

Laboratory Technicians Symposium. June 23 and 24. Twelve hours. Fee: \$20.00.

Techniques of Hypnosis. July 9 to 11. Fifteen hours. Fee: \$50.00.

Advanced Techniques and Application of Hypnosis. July 11 to 13. Fifteen hours. Fee: \$100.00.

Recent Advances in Surgery. July 16 to 18. Nineteen and one-half hours. Fee: \$50.00 for three days, \$20.00 per day.

Surgery of Trauma. July 19 and 20. Twelve hours. Fee: \$35.00.

Recent Advances in Medicine. July 23 to 27. Thirty-five hours. Fee: \$75.00 for full week or \$20.00 per day.

Anesthesia Seminar. August 27 to 29. Eighteen hours. Fee: \$50.00.

Contact: Thomas H. Sternberg, M.D., Assistant Dean for Postgraduate Medical Education, U.C.L.A., Los Angeles 24. BRadshaw 2-8911, Ext. 202.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

Symposium on Plastic Surgery, May 18. Seven hours. Fee: \$20.00.

Symposium on Peripheral Vascular Surgery, May 19. Seven hours. Fee: \$20.00.

Fundamental Principles of Radioactivity and the Diagnostic and Therapeutic Uses of Radioisotopes. Two or three month course limited to one enrollee per month. Tuition: \$250.00 per month.

Pharmaceutical Aspects of Radioactivity, May 19. Seven hours. Fee: \$12.00.

Internal Medicine at the Bedside, June 18-22. Forty hours. Fee: To be announced.

Contact: Seymour M. Farber, M.D., Head, Postgraduate Instruction, Office of Medical Extension, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22. MOntrorse 4-3600, Ext. 665.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Diagnosis and Management of Cardiovascular Diseases, July 20, 21 and 22, Hotel Statler and Good Hope Clinic, twenty-four hours. Fee: \$65.00. Registration closes July 10, 1956.

Anesthesia. Full time for three months. Opening every three months. Fee: \$300.00.

Cardiac Resuscitation. Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Heart Association each Wednesday throughout the year, 4 to 6 p.m. Residents admitted without fee. Tuition for all other physicians: \$30.00. (Each session all-inclusive.)

Contact: Phil R. Manning M.D., Director of Medical Extension Education, University of Southern California School of Medicine, 2025 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles 33. CApital 5-1511.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS

Anesthesiology. Daily, full-time, four months, beginning each four months. Fee: \$300.

Diseases and Injuries of Bones and Joints, Daily, July 2 to July 31. Full time. Fee: \$100.00.

Contact: Chairman, Section on Graduate and Postgraduate Medicine, College of Medical Evangelists, 1720 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles 33. ANgelus 9-9131, Ext. 205.

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COUNTIES in association with Stanford University School of Medicine, June 21, 22, 23, Cal-Neva Lodge, Lake Tahoe.

Contact: C. A. Broadbuss, M.D., Director of Postgraduate Activities, P.O. Box A-1, Carmel, California, or Mrs. Margaret H. Griffith, Assistant Director, Postgraduate Activities, California Medical Association, 417 So. Hill St., Los Angeles 13.